



☐ Executive Committee ☒ District Leadership Council ☐ Annual Meeting

**Wisconsin Conservation Congress
Meeting Minutes**

ORDER OF BUSINESS	10/05/2018	9 AM	Stevens Point Holiday Inn
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I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by	Chairman Larry Bonde at 9:02 AM
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B. ROLL CALL

ATTENDEES	Tony Blattler, Joel Taylor @9:26 AM, Dave Larson, Mike Riggle, Steve Bodnik, Ronald Krueger Senior, Terry Roehng, Stan Brownell, Al Lobner, Dale Maas, Bob Haase, Brett Weir, Larry Bonde, Mike Rogers, Kenneth Risley, Jane Meyer, Eugene Altwies, Scott Gunderson @ 9:18 AM and Kari Lee Zimmerman, Mike Schmit.
EXCUSED	Joe Weiss, Bob Ellingson, Kevin Smaby, and Dave Breunig.
UNEXCUSED	
GUESTS	

C. Agenda Approval or Repair

Larry Bonde

DISCUSSION	Larry asked for some flexibility in the order of reports and presentations.
ACTION	Motion by Riggle 2nd by Blattler to allow for stated flexibility. Motion carried.

D. Chairs Update

Larry Bonde

DISCUSSION	<p>Larry reported on the status of the fee package increase and the coalition of sporting groups that once again have come together to try and make this proposal a reality. He was very impressed and happy with the organizations that are a part of this proposal with almost all of those that participated last year being part of it. There is one exception the Wisconsin Bow Hunters Association, they are upset with the DNR for not making an adjustment in harvest trends relating to crossbow. They have in fact sent a letter to the governor expressing their concerns and their position not to support any fee increase due to that. Larry stated there were some interesting trends on the feedback from the district meetings as to how WCC delegates viewed the proposal. The support varied with the northern portion of the state showing opposition to a fee increase and hostility to the DNR in general. As you move south in the state the support for the fee increase and the understanding of the DNR seemed much more positive. Larry is not sure if it's a communication issue or whatever the causes this variation but 75% of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress delegates do support the increase according to the polls that were taken at the DLC meetings. When Larry presented this information to the governors office along with his opponents campaign coordinators his message was that the WCC support was probably a broader overall view of the sporting community in Wisconsin as the other organizations are more focused on their one particular area of interest. Larry did say that this year we are earlier in the budget process and felt that this would help in trying to garner support for the proposed package. He will keep the DLC informed on the progress moving forward.</p> <p>Leadership training was held prior to the kickoff of our committee meetings and we are still having procedural issues. We can not make motions under members matters this is a procedural violation and we cannot take a position and vote on anything unless it is noticed on the official agenda. Chairs of committees have been instructed not to accept these motions and must rule them out of order. If you're going to lead be a strong leader, you have the option of deferring those types of motions to a later meeting or the proposing of a conference call but you must not violate the process otherwise.</p> <p>Another area of concern was the Grouse issue, you will remember that at the previous DLC committee meeting we took a position due to timing in order to bring the subject matter before the natural resources board. It was not an attempt to circumvent the Turkey and Upland game committee but to bring the issue before the board. You as DLC members felt strongly about bringing the issue before the Natural Resources Board by virtue of the motions that were passed at that meeting. We thought that everybody at least at the DLC level understood that it wasn't up to the Congress to set the season structure although we did suggest some possible options. The reality is the board and the department were made aware of the issue and at the very least a master grouse plan is now in the making. We as a Congress and as leadership took some heat on this but in the long run we were comfortable that we at least brought the issue before the board. The timing of the issue including the appointment of the current Turkey and Upland game committee and all this by the way, was before the meeting for that committee was set would not have allowed us to weigh in on the issue. We did not circumvent anyone we did not go around the system as some of the media reported. We did this to bring the issue to the NRB in a timely fashion. One of the bigger disappointments in this issue was the fact that members of the committee asked questions about the process and they all received written communication as to why it was done the way it was done and the fact that the DLC and executive committee took action based on the feedback that they received. The disappointment was that during the public hearings throughout the</p>
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	state on the grouse issue delegates of the WCC continued to communicate at the hearings that WCC leadership was circumventing the process. This was not a Larry Bonde, Mike Riggle proposal and for our delegates after all the information that they received on the process to continue to testify that the WCC was not following procedure is another example of how and why we become irrelevant to NRB board members and the public in general. He received calls asking what was going on and while he strongly believes that we have the right to disagree on any particular issue it is unfair to the WCC and its position to use their delegate status and hurt the credibility of this organization. Larry stated that he will never do anything that has not been approved by the organization and its leadership. We operate as a democracy and the majority continues to rule whether you are in favor of the majority or the minority, the results are the results and once a position is taken that becomes our policy until changed.
ACTION	

E. Public Comments

DISCUSSION	None.
ACTION	No action taken.

II. INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS**A. Department of Natural Resources Program Updates**

Various

DISCUSSION	See below	
ACTION	Secretaries note: the minutes reflect the order as stated on the agenda but due to presenters timeframe may not be the order in which they were discussed.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

1. DNR Secretary Dan Meyer Office Report

Scott Loomans

DISCUSSION	<p>Scott is standing in for secretary Meyer due to a scheduling problem and said that for the next DLC meeting the secretary has that date already on his calendar. Scott wanted to thank the WCC leadership that attended the JCAR committee meeting on the emergency CWD rule. As a result of the input given at that meeting the issues with carcass movement were dropped from the emergency rule but the fencing issues for captive cervid's stays. He mentioned that the DNR is still working on permanent rules proposals and that the department's rule making authority has to do with public/private land and that DATCAP is working on the captive wildlife issues.</p> <p>Dale questioned some of the procedural issues but encouraged the department drafting comprehensive rules. His constituents in Dodge County are concerned that if they are going to be required to take there deer in to a processor that they may be looking at violations. Many of the people he represents have been processing their own deer for many many years and the fact that Dodge County is now CWD active and people living on or near the borders would not be able to leave the county without field dressing (quartering) or taking to a deer to a processing operation. This may be more than they were willing to do. With that said he also has concerns that if we lose even more hunters dropping out of deer hunting, that we eventually will lose our ability to manage and control the deer herd. Scott mentioned that he would expect sometime in January that hearings would be initiated on a permanent rule.</p>	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

2. Fisheries

Justine Hasz, Dir., Bureau of Fisheries Management

DISCUSSION	<p>Justine updated the DLC on actions taken since our last fisheries report. She is happy to report that over 40 vacancies have been filled and they are currently working on additional 20 open positions. Of the filled positions 13 technicians were hired. Other areas that recruiting is taking place are as follows: Section Chief in the central office, southern operations supervisor, (2) biologist, a Lake Michigan biologist assigned to Milwaukee, a Lake Superior supervisor, a state fish veterinarian, and a replacement for the Great Lakes Specialist position. The Great Lakes Specialist duties may look a little different as we are working to tweak that job description slightly. Justine also stated that as positions open up due to retirement/job transfers the process slows down somewhat but this truly allows the department to put the most qualified individuals in the open positions which is better for everyone involved. Fisheries is also looking to fill a number of hatcheries advisor positions and she is pleased with the caliber of candidates that they are interviewing across the board. There seems to be an abundance of extremely talented and qualified individuals applying for all the job vacancies. As you may or may not know fisheries hires between 165 to 170 LTE's. With this taking place throughout the year it seems like we are always trying to fill open LTE positions one of the new opportunities that were looking for is a communications specialist specifically for fisheries and we hope to fill this with an LTE.</p> <p>Justine mentioned 3 long-term plans that are in various stages of completion; the state wide trout plan is in the process of being finalized with expectations of taking it for public comment sometime in December or January, a statewide Sturgeon plan is also in the making. In the past the plan was just for Lake Sturgeon but the new Sturgeon plan will include all forms of Sturgeon and include a broader number of stakeholders. They are also in the process of conducting a Lake Superior</p>	
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	<p>management plan that hadn't been updated in 40 years. She wanted to thank all the members of the Congress who are faithfully serving on these management plan committees and thanks them for all the hours and effort that they are putting in. They are still working on some elements resulting from the Strategic Management plan some of those having to do with property management at the fish facilities and how we can best integrate that plan into our operating process. As a part of this process we have been conducting many meetings to try and brainstorm how the finished product could look. In the past we had many heavy equipment operators that held dual roles, the new process appears to have a northern and a southern Splitt. In the end we will have a team of habitat specialist with heavy equipment certification that should help streamline the duties needed while complying with the strategic management plan. The focus is still the same, as we will have specific teams working on trout habitat throughout the state as well as warm water fish habitat. As part of the realignment we need to cut back on several pieces of equipment, but that does not mean that specialized equipment we have and use regularly for habitat construction will be eliminated. These vital pieces of equipment will stay within fisheries management.</p> <p>Another area that fisheries has been working on is the aquaculture bill that was passed in 2017 (AB160). For those that are not familiar; this bill provides a mechanism for private business to raise fish for the department that we actually need. This is a process where the department can provide viable genetically superior eggs to private hatcheries. They in turn raise them to a stock-able size at which time we can buy them back. There are many hatcheries that need upgrading and modifications to allow them to support current stocking needs. This bill allows the department a method to meet those stocking needs using the most cost-effective process while we simultaneously work to update our infrastructure. A good example would be stocking of Steelhead, we have not been able to meet those stocking needs. This bill allows us to meet those needs while we use the \$26 million that has been approved for Steelhead hatchery improvements.</p> <p>We are also working with DATCAP in clarifying how they classify commercial fish hatcheries. In many cases their classification protocol conflicts with department protocol as it pertains to fish movement as it relates to VHS health issue. We are also continuing to work and negotiate Lake Superior tribes in a joint management plan had expired in 2017. Regulation issues that are going to be brought up are as follows: legislation was passed to allow the taking of that fish by hand, and crossbow. The department went to the Natural Resources Board and received approval for an emergency rule to be drafted and hopefully within the next one or 2 board meetings we will have that completed.</p> <p>Items from the spring hearing are: walleye size and bag limit on the Winnebago system, clarification and consistency on boundary water rules, specifically Mississippi River Minnesota/Wisconsin border (we strive to be consistent with our neighbors regulations, so that goes fishing on boundary waters have rule consistency between states. And lastly another area of concern was the drafting of the definition of a Sturgeon spear size.</p>	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
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3. Wildlife

Eric Lobner, Director, Bureau of
Wildlife Management

DISCUSSION	<p>Eric handed out a 6 page update of Wisconsin CWD issues showing some past history and what was to be new this year. Through the spring of 2018, over 209,000 wild deer have been tested for chronic wasting disease. During the 2017 deer season, DNR sampled over 9800 deer statewide. Of these 600 tested positive. To date over 4103-ranging CWD positive deer have been detected within the southern farmland zone. During that 2011-2017 surveillance seasons there have also been 30 CWD positive wild deer detected outside the southern lands in the rest of the state. CWD was detected in the wild heard in Vernon, Milwaukee, Dodge, Oneida, Claire, and Lincoln counties for the 1st time during the 2017 year's season. He also detailed the department's efforts to improve on the turnaround time. CWD test results will be provided via email to hunters with email addresses in the Wild System. This will be nearly instant notification when test results are received by the DNR. He also thanked the hunters for their cooperation during the 2017 season and staff will continue to work to make testing easier for hunters. Eric stated that overall feedback from hunters reflected an appreciation for the kiosk option. Included in his information packet was a new program for this year "identified as" adopt-a-kiosk". Also new for this year's season is the opportunity for local individuals or groups to "adopt-a-dumpster" this program is to provide hunters a appropriate deer carcass waste disposal, especially in areas where deer carcass waste disposal options are very limited or not already available. Any individual or group interested in sponsoring either one of these options can go onto the DNR website and search the keyword.</p> <p>Eric stressed that there is a huge amount of information on the DNR website, including new carcass management tools and all things involving CWD.</p> <p>Eric answered many questions at the end of this presentation and promised to follow-up with Congress liaison with a handout to cover those issues that he did not have answers for.</p> <p>Mike Riggle voiced his concerns about the processes involved with sampling and dumpster issues in his area, while the program is laid out on paper the reality is it is very cumbersome if not impossible due to the availability of approved landfills and not being able to move carcasses across county lines. If you do not have a licensed landfill within your County that is approved the adopt-a-dumpster program will not work.</p> <p>A complete copy of Eric's handout is available on request to the Congress liaison.</p>	
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4. Forestry

Carmen Hardin, Dir., Bureau of Applied Forestry

DISCUSSION	<p>Carmen updated the DLC on what was happening within the forestry department since we last met. In the past the spring of 2018 there were 78 vacancies which reflected a 17.7 vacancy. As of August 2018 they have 49 agencies which equates to a 11.4% vacancy rate. The new class of foresters/technicians will be starting in November 2018.</p> <p>It was a legislative audit of the forestry account showing 93.5% of expenditures by the department during FY 2016-17 were made to implement and support our forestry program. They made no major recommendations. This report provides extensive amount of information and data about expenditures and can be found at Wisconsin Legislative Audit Bureau website (year 2018).</p> <p>She reviewed the Reforestation program coordinated through the Wilson State Nursery. Orders are accepted through 10/1/18 with 2.7 million seedlings available. They have been selling out of popular species, old inventory is low this year due to winter germination damage. The topic of forest health was discussed, emerald ash borer specifically. EAB quarantine is now statewide. You are still encouraged to conduct limited movement of timber/firewood and they are also updating the guidelines for managing forests with ash. This will be out for public comment until 10/9/18. Another area of concern as far as forest health has to do with Pine root rot. This disease kills pines and spruce and there is an updated treatment guideline that is out for public comment until 10/16/18.</p> <p>The department is continuing its forest regeneration monitoring, focusing on forested counties that are 30% plus. The goal is to collect data on 15,000+ plots on three-year cycles. The 1st year 600 plots were visited on public lands and 15,000 plots on private. Additional plot data provided through DMAP and other efforts will continue. This monitoring will allow for informed decisions at multiple levels, landscape level will assess long-term trends of Wisconsin's Forest ecology and allow for informed forest management guidelines and recommendations. At the county level it will help inform CDAC's and County Resource Managers on regeneration trends. At the state level provide a detailed regeneration metric to assess success or failure of any given stand.</p> <p>Under the Strategic Alignment Plan Forestry is playing a bigger role in prescribed burns. They are prioritizing burns and fire -dependent communities with Oak/Pine barons, Oak Savanna/Woodland/forest, remnant Prairie and emerge and wetlands. Silviculture burns also a priority for forestry and currently we have completed 160 burns equaling 25,015 acres. Our total plan burns for physical year 2018 is 210 burns equaling 27,997 acres.</p> <p>Forester's work with the tax law program, ensuring that the program reflects law, intent and authorities. We continue to update NR 46 with act 358 changes including updating tax law handbook to clarify that the silviculture handbook is a resource, not a regulatory tool and tax law we will continue using focus groups to identify process efficiencies moving forward.</p> <p>The department's private forestry program strategy includes the next million acres, aligning resources and working with partners to achieve this goal, focusing on outcomes strategies and accountability, and developing reporting systems and processes.</p> <p>The forestry department is an integral part of our fire program.</p> <p>We have worked on 783,160+ acres of Wisconsin wildfires.</p> <p>We have sent 90 staff to 12 states/provinces on out-of-State fire assistance calls.</p> <p>We have provided Sauk County with flood assistance on a request from Sauk Emergency Management.</p> <p>We were able to assist SWD IMT staff with 89 DNR employees over 9 days providing assistance to 595 volunteers that aided 626 properties.</p> <p>The sale of forest products on state land for fiscal year 2018 is 19,489 acres this equates to 221,459 cords and 5,897 million board feet of product with a sale value of \$10,391,410.</p>	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
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5. Law Enforcement

Todd Schaller, Chief Warden

DISCUSSION	<p>Todd gave the DLC an update since our last meeting stating that the 2018 warden class that started out with 17 individuals has been reduced by 2. There is another class that will be starting this year and he expects to add an additional 6 recruits to that class. He also stated that in 2019 they expect to have 26 vacancies from retirements.</p> <p>We have all heard about the issues that came up with wardens serving in the state parks system during their busy time. The new procedure will see the addition of Park Rangers once again, although their duties will be centered on law enforcement duties rather than ancillary maintenance.</p> <p>He wanted to address some discussion that has been surfacing on the terms sabbatical as it relates to the warden staff. When a warden notifies the department of his intention to retire they are allowed to use their accrued vacation and leave they can either cash out or work out. This means if they opt to work out they are taking their paid time off and still on the books.</p> <p>Todd wanted to highlight the warden staff's response to the recent flooding episodes in the state, law enforcement was in a unique position, they have boats of all kinds and designs and are highly trained to operate these varied configurations. They</p>	
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	participated in many rescue operations for stranded individuals during this high water time. Law enforcement also was called in to participate during an active shooter incident in Middleton where they provided support to help at the location. Todd also thanked all of the Congress delegates for their help throughout the year working with the warden staff and supporting the natural resources of the state.	
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

6. Office of Applied Science

Dave McFarland, Wildlife Research
Team Leader

DISCUSSION	Dave provided the DLC with an update since last meeting. He highlighted recent hires of Drew Fowler as Waterfall and Migratory Game Bird Research Scientist and Jed Meunier as Wildlife Habitat Research Scientist. Dave also highlighted the progress of the Southwest Wisconsin CWD, Deer and Predator Study. He highlighted the assistance and public involvement that is moving the study forward. This study captures, assesses health and puts telemetry collars on deer within the study area. The new telemetry not only allows for GPS tracking in real time but also indicates loss of life which past tracking collars could not do. During the winter of 2017-18 a total of 332 deer were collared, varying in age class from 8 months to approximately 2 years in age in the 2 selected study areas. The 2 study areas in 2017 (91 fawns were collared) and in 2018 (104 fawns were collared) for a total of 195 fawns. The study involves landowner volunteers 186 in 2017 and for 2018 there are more than 300. He also gave a brief update on the successes of Snapshot Wisconsin and the growing amount of information being gathered through that project. The data received through this project will help to make sure fawn to doe ratios are in line with expectations and fill in the gaps left by other survey types. This is also seen as a independent population index it will be an additional metric the deer herd and not related to SAK, so this will be well received by CDAC's. This is especially valuable in southern Wisconsin to replace aerial surveys in the CWD area. Snapshot Wisconsin can provide this independent index to deer population size, thereby directly saving \$15,000 and 400 hours of staff time annually. The program also gives an indicator of relative predator abundance and assists with Wild Turkey brood counts. In summary Snapshot Wisconsin contributes to wildlife decision-making. Helping with the previously mentioned item plus; game bird brood surveys, help calf cow ratios in elk population estimates, Wolf survey supplementation and furbearer and bear population indices's. He also gave a brief overview of a bobcat sustainable harvest research and bear population monitoring.	
ACTION	Formation only. No action taken.	
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B. WCC advisory committee reports and proposed advisory questions

Various

DISCUSSION	See below	
ACTION	Secretary's note: the minutes reflect the order as stated on the agenda but due to presenters time frame may not be the order in which they were discussed. All advisory committee reports and actions by committee are available on the Congress website.	
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1. Motorized Recreational Vehicle Ad Hoc Committee

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Dave Larson gave the motorized committee's report he stated that there was a slight variation in their mission statement and asked for approval. Motion by Rogers 2nd by Roehng to approve. Motion carried. Dave identified some of the highlights from the meeting. Many more county and township roads have been open up to ATV travel this past year and there continues to be great movement in the rural areas to allow this to happen. It is a great boost to the recreational efforts and certainly enhances tourism. He was pleased to announce that they did have some representatives from the State Snowmobile Association. They did voice some concerns about some legislation that the Congress supported in the past mainly about the 10 mile an hour speed limit next to ice fishing shacks. They felt that there was little to no outreach done to their organization prior to support of that issue. He did feel that having them be a part of the discussion was at least a step in the right direction. He thanked Congress leadership for making the Motorized Recreational Vehicle Committee a standing committee.	
ACTION	As stated.	
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2. Great Lakes Committee

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DISCUSSION	<p>Dale reported that even though the date for the meeting was set a year in advance they still struggled to get a quorum at times to run a meeting. There were delegates that were "no call no show", that he was asked to relay to the district that appointed them there attendance issues..</p> <p>He then listed off the 4 delegates that didn't call in and were no-shows at the Great Lakes meeting.</p> <p>They were:</p> <p>District 1 Daniel Krisak, Douglas County</p> <p>District 1 Jeff Robel, Iron County</p> <p>District 8 Randy Connour, Brown County</p> <p>District 10 Austin Ragotzkie, Dane County</p> <p>He mentioned that at times members were floating between two other meetings also held that day and felt that was not fair to any of the committees.</p> <p>The four resolutions assigned were rejected with two resolutions that the committee asked for DLC and Department help with.</p> <p>Resolution (150218) report whitefish caught in Green Bay and Lake Michigan This question was rejected but the committee and the department personnel in attendance felt that the information was difficult to retrieve. They asked that the department work on a better way of offering the information. Larry asked Justine to look into this and she agreed.</p> <p>Resolution: (020318) and (040218) having to do with Stocking of Lake Trout and Salmon in the Apostle Islands.</p> <p>The motion was rejected but the committee asked that the committee, author and the department work together to find a working direction. This is not a committee question but due to recent early closings of Superiors Sport Fishing Seasons they felt better communications were needed. Since the committee was in need of additional information they felt that communication at the DLC/DNR Fisheries was needed. Larry passed this along to Justine and she was willing to address the issue.</p>	
ACTION	As stated	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

3. Deer and Elk Committee

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>20. Restore deer tagging requirements in statute (requires legislation) (041018, 050418, 060418, 090318, 131618, 160518, 180418, 240418, 270218, 280118, 340118, 350418, 380318, 400118, 440118, 450418, 490218, 560518, 640218, 64018, 660118, 670418). Motion by Taylor 2nd by Brownell to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>21. Baiting and feeding ban (requires legislation) note: WCC has a position on this already in support of a ban. Motion by Blattler 2nd by Weir to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>Committee chairman Mike Riggle gave his report stating there were a couple of issues that the committee wanted brought before the DLC.</p> <p>Since the state is pretty well split on the publics perception of baiting and feeding. The committee asked that the chairman go back to the Natural Resources Board and the Department, asking that the definition of feeding requiring any bait be manually spread over a minimum of 100 square foot area. Motion by Riggle 2nd by Brownell to approve. Motion carried.</p> <p>Another issue that was discussed by the committee was again the harvest of white deer. He knows that the board has not look favorably on a change but it is still a major problem in many counties in the state and he feels that it should at least be brought forward for discussion. It was a motion by Riggle 2nd by Taylor for the chair to bring up harvest of white deer. Motion carried.</p>	
ACTION	As stated.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

4. Warm Water Committee

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>WCC advisory questions-2019 from the warm water committee are as follows:</p> <p>1. Protect or improve panfish angling in Cranberry Lake, Price County (510118) motion by Larson 2nd by Blattler to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>2. Panfish bag limit reduction for Virginia Lake, Sauk County (570118). Department is already advancing as a hearing question in 2019. Motion by Rogers 2nd by Meyer to reject. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.</p> <p>3. Northern Pike harvest opportunity, Portage County (500418) Motion by Haase 2nd by Weir to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>4. Protect catfish from harvest by hand, bow, and crossbow. Proposal (requires legislation) (120118, 630218) Note: it is unlikely the legislature will be interested in undoing a law they just passed. Motion by a 2nd by Taylor to reject. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.</p> <p>5. Rainbow Flowage musky size limit increase (440618). Note: the DNR is advancing this question, so DLC can remove from their list. Motion by Rogers 2nd by Larson to reject. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.</p> <p>6. Reduced daily bag limit for panfish on Huron Lake (700118). Motion by Meyer 2nd by Gunderson to advance. Motion carried.</p>	
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	<p>7. Northern Pike size limit on Wilson, Big Twin, Little Silver, Napowan, Gilbert, Pine (Spring-water TWP), and Mount Morris lakes in Waushara County (700318). Note: no minimum length limit and a daily bag of 5 is in the regulations toolbox-biologist supports that option. Motion by Weir 2nd by Gunderson to amend to 5 daily bag limit as is currently in the standard toolbox. Motion carried on the amendment to the resolution. Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Weir to advance as amended. Motion carried.</p> <p>8. Remove the 36 inch size limit on Sturgeon during the spearing season (360618). Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Roehng to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>9. Update the fishery management plan for the, Namekagon River (580318). Note: if the WCC wants to request the DNR to do this, they can just do it. It isn't really the type of thing that needs to be a spring hearing question. Motion by Maas 2nd by Rogers to reject. Carried. This item will be discussed at DLC meeting in January 2019.</p> <p>10. Designate a 14 inch-18 inch slot limit with a maximum daily bag limit of one over 18 inches for all bass in the Tiger Cat Flowage, Sawyer County (580418). Note: there are no Smallmouth Bass in this flowage and questioned should identify as Largemouth Bass. Motion by Meyer 2nd by Larson to advance with the addition as suggested. Motion carried.</p> <p>11. Allow fishing in Sturgeon holes during the Sturgeon spearing season on Lake Winnebago system (200418). Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Roehng to reject due to the enforcement issue. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.</p> <p>12. Catch and release for Large and Smallmouth Bass in Vilas County (640818). Note: this resolution contains many inaccuracies and goes against the scientific literature that management is currently trying to implement. Motion by Riggle 2nd by Blattler to reject for cause. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.</p> <p>13. Increasing size limit on muskellunge in the Lemon-weir River (010118). Motion by Breunig 2nd by Weir to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>14. Lac Vieux Desert muskellunge size limit increase (290118). Note: The department is advancing this one at the 2019 hearing. Motion by Gunderson 2nd by Larson to reject. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.</p> <p>15. Lake, Hawk muskellunge size increase (440718). Note: the department is advancing this one at the 2019 hearing. Motion by Krueger 2nd by Rogers to reject. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.</p>	
ACTION	As stated.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

5. Outdoor Heritage and Education Committee

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	January DLC Meeting.	
ACTION		
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6. Fur Harvest Committee

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>23. Allow the use of firearms to dispatch legally trapped animals within 50 feet of unpaved roads (requires legislation) (020518, 040318, 350318, 430318). Motion by Lobner 2nd by Blattler to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>24. Allow the use of lights to shine/scan while hunting coyote, raccoon, fox, unprotected species (requires legislation) (620218). Motion by Maas 2nd by Weir to advance. Motion failed. Resolution rejected.</p> <p>25. Decrease the size restriction for body-grip traps through the otter and beaver season (720918). Note: fur harvest committee chair Ed Harvey request that this be referred back to author for clarification and possible resubmission at January DLC meeting. Motion by Riggle 2nd by Bodnik to refer to author as suggested. Motion carried.</p> <p>26. Expansion of Fisher season link to February 15 (requires legislation) (690218). Motion by Maas 2nd by Gunderson to advance. Motion carried.</p> <p>27. Remove colony trap placement and funneling restrictions (230518, 710518). Note it was felt due to the wording of the question that it should be a three-part question asking the following; do you support rule changes which would allow; 1) Placement of colony traps within 3 feet of culverts? 2) The use of bait and/or lure in conjunction with colony traps? 3) The use of fencing to create an obstruction designed to force or channel muskrats into the trap? All other restrictions would remain in place. Motion by Taylor 2nd by Haase to advance as amended. Motion carried.</p> <p>28. Experimental badger season. Motion by Weir 2nd by Blattler to advance. Motion failed. Resolution rejected.</p>	
ACTION	As stated.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

7. Turkey and Upland Game Committee

[PRESENTER]

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DISCUSSION	22. Require pheasant, grouse, and quail hunters to wear blaze orange or pink (720318). Note: what about squirrel, rabbit and other small game? This would be a different standard than for deer (50%), which could produce confusion. Perhaps just quote "Upland game"/"small game"; not sure how we distinguish the safety concerns for only these pursued species. Motion by Roehng 2nd by Weir to amend to 50%. Motion failed. Motion by Blattler 2nd by Larson to advance as originally proposed. Motion carried.	
ACTION	As stated.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

8. Rules and Resolutions Committee

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Tony gave his committee report and apologized that the proposed changes to the COP were not given to the DLC within the 10 day window, so because of that we will be officially acting on those changes at our January meeting.</p> <p>The 4 resolutions assigned to that committee were all rejected.</p> <p>There was a questionnaire sent out to all DLC leaders as to the procedure used to appoint delegates to standing and ad hoc committees. After reviewing that the committee had a long discussion on that process.</p> <p>The committee did recommend that we standardize the process for all committee assignments so that it is the same district by district. This would include the minimum of one delegate per district assigned to all standing committees with the exception of Mississippi River, Great Lakes and ad hoc committees. Delegates should indicate their committee preference on the delegate profile by the Friday after the spring hearing. District counselors will be provided that information as soon as it becomes available. DLC members would fill out preferences by the end of the state convention with final recommendations submitted by the first DLC meeting after the convention.</p> <p>After much discussion it was decided that the recommendations of the Rules and Resolutions Committee would be put in a protocol format and submitted at the January DLC meeting.</p> <p>Tony mentioned that after reviewing committee minutes he is still seeing where committee chairs and leadership are allowing motions and positions to be taken up under members matters which is a violation of the open meeting laws and we need to figure out a way to make that stop.</p> <p>Larry stated that he didn't have any problem with an issue coming up under Members Matters and the chair of that committee requested in writing a clarification of a particular action to the Congress chairman. Tony stated that that would be appropriate but you can not make a motion to that effect. When you do that it becomes an action which in effect violates the law.</p> <p>Joel brought up an issue about possibly looking at a master calendar or some device that would allow committees to not schedule their meetings on opening days of particular seasons as example opening-day fishing, deer hunting, waterfowl season, bear season etc. etc.</p> <p>Many of the DLC delegates commented on this end voice their concerns.</p> <p>Larry stated there are many challenges in this meeting scheduling process some of which are committee assignments, available venues, liaison openings and the whole resolution process.</p>	
ACTION	As stated.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

9. 8 a. Proposed Code of Procedure Changes.

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	Postponed till DLC meeting January 2019	
ACTION		
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

10. Mississippi River Committee

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	The committee minutes asked for a minor change to their mission statement. They request the addition of the word fish, so that the mission statement would read the "fish and wildlife". Motion by Rogers 2nd by Roehng to advance. Motion carried.	
ACTION	As stated.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE		DEADLINE

11. Trout Committee

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	<p>Bob Hasse reported on the one resolution assigned to the committee (640518) change season end date.</p> <p>This was discussed extensively and rejected by the committee.</p> <p>Bob gave an over view of the meeting and discussion pertaining to the work on the statewide Trout Master Plan.</p>	
ACTION	Motion and second to approve report. Motion carried.	

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PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

12. DLC assigned Resolutions

[PRESENTER]

DISCUSSION	17. Ban the use of underwater cameras for spearing Lake Sturgeon on Lake Winnebago system (080318). Motion by Taylor 2nd by Weir to advance. Motion carried. 18. Would you support a rule prohibiting the use of any electronic equipment as an aid in spearing Lake Sturgeon during the Sturgeon spearing season on Winnebago system. Motion by Altwies 2nd by Rogers to amend to read electronic fish locator/finder equipment. Motion carried. Motion by Rogers 2nd by Riggle to reconsider at the January meeting. Motion carried. 19. Reduce daily bag limit on long-tailed ducks to 3 (680118). Note: this specie has a relatively poor population estimate due to the size of nesting area. There has been some concern expressed by both guides and hunters that they are feeling guilty at how easily and how many birds are being harvested on Lake Michigan. However, we do not have any evidence that we are impacting their population. Motion by Blattner 2nd by Krueger to advance. Motion carried.	
ACTION	As stated.	
PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE	

III. MEMBERS MATTERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Stan Brownell mentioned that his County board has formed a special CWD committee in conjunction with County CDAC and even working with them on issues.</p> <p>Al Lobner stated that they don't have a problem with the white deer as they used to have, they've got a pack of 15 to 20 wolves in the area that seem to be feeding rather nicely.</p> <p>Brett Weir thanked the members of the DLC for all the time and untiring dedication along with the hours necessary for representing your districts. It is appreciated by him and he knows that you don't hear this often enough.</p> <p>Terry Roehng is happy that we're doing a better job on communication amongst ourselves and the public. Especially on the push on the fee increase, people do not seem to understand how the department is funded. And the number of organized groups that are bonding together to help the fee increase package move along.</p> <p>Mike Rogers stated he had a problem where he bear hunts, and ad hoc committee was set up having to do with damage by deer and bear. In his area 29 bear were trapped and relocated and 9 were destroyed. He knows there are 6 or 7 hot-spots for ag-damage and part of the issue is the corn belt seems to be moving farther North and the damage as a result of this movement.</p> <p>The bear committee has no clear-cut answer to this issue and you're probably going to hear more and more about it in the future. If you are experiencing these type of bear issues please let him know, the more ammunition that the bear committee has and the more information available will certainly help.</p> <p>Tony Blattler thanked Larry and Mike for the work that they did on the grouse issue, the actions that the executive committee to and the attention that both Larry and Mike gave to the issue help highlight our concerns.</p> <p>Eugene Altwies mentioned that Wisconsin youth trap shooters were in 5 of the top 10 positions in the nation. More and more school districts are getting involved in the scholastic trap shooting program and this is some of the results. Eugene also asked if the WCC would consider a vanity plate with proceeds to be used for scholarship? Larry stated that it would be okay for Eugene to look into the process and report back to the DLC.</p> <p>Scott Gunderson thanked all the delegates for the well wishes while he was in the hospital and appreciates everybody's concern.</p> <p>Joel Taylor commented on the "online voting issue", the media is not working well in cleaning up all the misconceptions. Larry agreed that the media is not reporting the issues correctly.</p> <p>Mike Riggle: nothing.</p> <p>Ken Risley was concerned as in the grouse issue people should call to clarify, so we don't have some of the issues that came up during that process. He also said that the turkey population in some areas is in decline for no apparent reason.</p> <p>Jane Meyer was concerned about some of the comments made here today, but after further discussion at was at least clarified. She feels that they have a lot of very conscientious people that are involved and that some of the discussion goes beyond the norm.</p> <p>Dave Larson suggested that we maybe should have an internal outreach committee, we seem to be our own worst enemy and we don't always communicate well.</p> <p>He shared some information from the environmental committee, after the discussion on copper bullets one of the delegates attempted to go to local stores to buy some and one major vendor didn't have them another vendor only had it in 2 calibers and an online search indicated that they are difficult to near impossible to buy in many calibers. If you reload there is a larger assortment online but a manufactured copper bullet is very difficult.</p> <p>Bob Haase questioned how we communicate with the legislators.</p> <p>Larry stated anyone can talk to their legislator. The Sportsman's Caucus has been a great opportunity for educational issues.</p> <p>Larry offered to work with Bob to develop an article for the next Chronicle on this issue.</p> <p>Dale wanted to thank the delegates and the leadership that have been working on the Congress educational trailers. We've had great cooperation from many of our delegates and supporters. The trappers have been standing tall in providing the necessary</p>
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	<p>materials for that portion and unless something very strange happens we are pretty close to meeting our goals on waterfall mounts. He talked to Justine earlier to see if there was any opportunities, for fish mounts as we do needed some. We also need a Turkey mount. He did send a request letter out to all of the DLC delegates listing the support that is needed and soliciting for possible funds. The process is moving along and again thank you for all those that donated. For those that haven't please talk to your local clubs, organizations and individuals to see if you can scrounge out some of this needed cash and materials.</p> <p>Motion by motion by Krueger 2nd by Larson to adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.</p>
ACTION	Information only. No action taken.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

MEETING ADJOURNED	2:25 PM
SUBMITTED BY	Dale C. Maas
DATE	11/08/2018